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FOR TREASURY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (BLUMENTHAL, W. MICHAEL)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

REF: STATE 192528

1. WELCOME VISIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND PARTY.
VISIT SHOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE CLOSE
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN KEY TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND
KUWAITI COUNTERPARTS DEVELOPED DURING PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS NOTIFIED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO WELCOMED
VISIT AND FELT THAT DATES PROPOSED WERE GOOD. FINANCE
MINISTER ATEEQI, AS TREASURY SECRETARY'S COUNTERPART, WILL
PLAY MAIN ROLE IN VISIT. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM
TODAY AS HE IS IN CABINET MEETING BUT WILL FOLLOW UP PROMPTLY.

3. ALTHOUGH REALIZE TIME WILL BE SHORT, RECOMMEND THAT
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TREASURY SECRETARY CALL NOT ONLY ON AMIR, BUT ALSO ON CROWN
PRINCE/ PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD, WHO ACTIVELY
DIRECTS THE GOVERNMENT. PRINCIPAL MEETING, OF COURSE,
WILL BE WITH FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI, WITH UNDER-
SECRETARY ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH POSSIBLY ATTENDING OR
PERHAPS HAVING SEPARATE MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY
SOLOMON IF THIS IS DESIRED.

. IF THERE IS TIME AVAILABLE, WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A BRIEF MEETING WITH KFAED DIRECTOR GENERAL ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMAD JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT. AL-HAMAD IS KEY FIGURE IN KUWAITI FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON, AND IS OFTEN CALLED UPON FOR ADVICE BY CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER.

5. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, WE WILL SEND SHORTLY SOME IDEAS ON TOPICS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED. SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED SEEMS FINE.

6. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, ONE SUITE AND 30 ROOMS (ALL FURNISHED FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) RESERVED FOR NIGHT OF OCTOBER 14 AT HILTON HOTEL, WHICH IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY. LL ROOMS ARE ON THE SAME FLOOR. HOTEL ELECTRICITY CURRENT IS 220 VOLTS, 50 CYCLE. TAP WATER AND WATER SERVED AT HOTEL RESTAURANT IS PROBABLY DRINKABLE; TO BE ON SAFE SIDE, WE NORMALLY ORDER BOTTLED WATER WHICH IS READILY AVAILABLE. INFORMATION ON GROUND TRANSPORTATION WILL FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT OF SEPTTEL FROM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHAPIRO.

7. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT WILL BE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION PETER A. SUTHERLAND, HOME PHONE 436752; NEW EMBASSY PHONE IS 424151.
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